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MAYOR BALZOTTI RESPONDS TO DISASTER IN HAITI

BROCKTON- Mayor Linda M. Balzotti announced today that the Office of the Mayor is working with state and local agencies and leaders of the Haitian community to provide support and resources to local families and to the people of Haiti.

"I offer my heartfelt thoughts and prayers to all those affected by this tragedy and again pledge the support of the city to work collaboratively to ensure that the aid we can provide reaches the people of Haiti as soon as possible" said Mayor Linda M. Balzotti.

Koren Cappiello Director of Community and Social Services for the City of Brockton is coordinating the effort in the Mayor's Office and can be reached at (508)-580-7123.

Updates will be posted throughout the day.

Additional sources for information:

Need help locating family members in Haiti?

The U.S. State Department Operations Center has set up the following number for individuals seeking information about family members in Haiti: 1-888-407-4747 (due to heavy volume, some callers may receive a recording). Press zero (0) to speak to a customer service representative.

For more information on the Earthquake in Haiti

Please visit <u>www.whitehouse.gov</u> for further information about the earthquake and the federal government's relief efforts in Haiti.

Senator John Kerry (617) 565-8519 **Senator Paul G. Kirk** (617)-565-3170 **Congressman Stephen F. Lynch** (617)-428-2011

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